

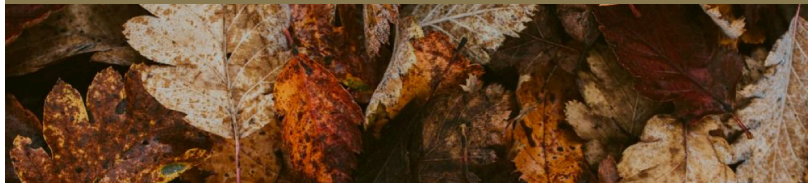
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Messenger of PEACE



Dear Friends,

I pray you and your family know and feel the blessing and strength and peace of God's presence in your heart today.

As you read this first letter, my wife Laura and myself will have almost completed moving from our house in Crystal Minnesota to the parsonage at Peace Lutheran. Now it's time to unpack the boxes and find the treasures and items we packed away.

It is definitely a relief to have closed on our house and now be fully moved in and able to rest from our labors at least for a moment. Ahhh! The truth is we are ready to keep on moving! Moving forward in Mission that is with our new church family and friends at Peace.

We are excited for the new chapters God will write thru each of us as we faithfully serve our Lord together as the body of Christ. We look forward to many years of bringing the Gospel message of God's grace to our church, community and world.

Before we get moving, I would encourage each of us to pause for a moment. Let's pause and begin our journey together with prayer.



PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

SATURDAY

6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary

SUNDAY

8:30 - Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 Worship in Peace Center

ONLINE WORSHIP

Livestream

plchutch.org Watch Live@8:30am

FacebookLive

www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN

YouTube

www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn

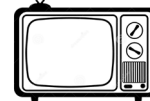


CABLE TV - HCVN

chan 10 – Nuvera, chan 8 – Mediacom

Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm

Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am



Dear Lord,

We come to you today as humble sinners confessing our sins and our need for your grace and forgiveness. Forgive us Lord for those times when we have hurt others and ourselves. Forgive us for the times we have not loved you with all our hearts. We thank you for the gift of your salvation you won for us on the cross and rising on the third day. Lord Jesus, we seek to follow you and your Word and direction for your church. Help us Lord with your power and the strength of the Holy Spirit to carry out your mission to make disciples of all nations. Fill us with courage and boldness to shine your light and life into the hearts and lives of our families, friends, community and fellow believers here at Peace Lutheran. With humility and gratitude we pray. In Jesus name Amen!

We look forward to getting to know you and your family! God Bless you! Pastor Kurt



Peace Pumpkin Patch

On October 31st from 5-7pm we will be hosting a new community event in the former Little Lambs facility. (This will be an indoor version of 'trunk or treat' done at other churches) We are looking for help decorating, donations of goodies and volunteers to help distribute goodies to the kiddos that night. Contact Sue in the Church office if you would like to be involved with this fun outreach.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Friday - 9 am - noon
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9 am - 4 pm

OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISM

WEDDINGS

FUNERALS

Aug 31, Trisha Born, age 44, passed Aug 21
Sept 7, Lavonne Constans, age 84, passed May 31

Memorials

Leona Harbarth - \$1300 - Carpet/Church Front Steps
Alvin Peetsch - \$25 - General Fund
Joanne Von Ohlen - \$50 - General Fund
Lavonne (Henke) Constans - \$200 - LWML
Florence Albrecht - \$100 - Cemetery Fund

RECENT TRANSFERS

Mary Brusse transferred from Messiah Lutheran in Moundsview MN

Steven West (and children Carson and Neal) transferred to St. Paul's Lutheran in Minot ND

WE ♥ Volunteers!

Ushers

October

Saturday 6:30pm

Oct 5: Kevin & Gloriann Heikes
12: Dick & Corinne Higgins
19: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung
26: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff

8:30am

Team 1 & 2

Glen Witte
Doug Witte
Brian Koehler
Allan Fuchs
Rusten Huls
Kevin Buss

October Readers

Saturday 6:30pm

Oct 5: Heidi Sickmann
12: Dick Higgins
19: Herbert Kuehl
26: Joanne Keilen

Sunday 8:30am

Oct 6: Mary Hagg
13: Nona Anderson
20: Marion Fenske
27: Hazel Sitz



10:30am

LWML
Phyllis Hecht
Arlene Benshoof
Sadie Jenkins

October Greeters

October 20

8:30 Alan & Barb Plath
10:30 Anita Miller

October 27

8:30 Cyndi Fallon & Gloria Dobratz
10:30 Gloria Janicke

October 6

8:30 Alan & Dolores Reiner
10:30 Dale & Judy Schumann

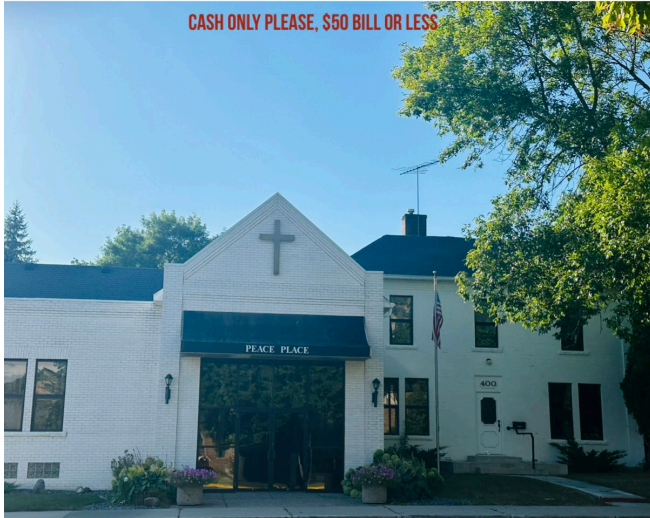
October 13

8:30 Tim & Deanna Puchalski
10:30 John & Linda Kalenberg

PEACE LUTHERAN OCCASIONAL SALE

WHERE? PEACE PLACE-ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH ON GLEN STREET.
2024 DATES-OCTOBER 3, NOVEMBER 7, DECEMBER 5 9:00 TO 4:00

A PORTION OF THE MONTHLY PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS YOUTH
MISSIONS OR COMMUNITY OUTREACH.



Lutheran World Relief Layettes (baby kits) will be assembled on Wednesday afternoon, October 2 with the help of the Early Release students. We will be putting all the items together and can be sent where they are most needed. More hands are always welcome. We also need bath size bars of a gentle soap. Ivory is preferred because it floats and doesn't sink to the bottom if dropped in the river. We can still use baby blankets between the sizes of 36"-52". They are used to wrap the items so at least one of the two we send needs to be quite sturdy. We send 4 cloth diapers in each kit so those are also always needed. Clean new or gently used clothing between sizes 9 month and 24 months are sent but no camouflage or war designs. We also are not allowed to send Christian or American symbols. They know where they come from, but the government won't accept the items if these are present. We want to help and pray for the recipients, not cause them any harm or problems. If you have any questions, you can call Shirley Wurdell at 320-587-5064, Thank you



Guiding Light Childcare Center

The childcare implementation committee continues to form the Guiding Light childcare board. Once there is a full board, the incorporation process of the 501 3c entity can begin. We continue to accept pledges for start-up and operational costs. Pledge forms are available on the help desk in the Commons and can be placed in the box provided. We thank you for all of your support and prayers as we move forward with this exciting opportunity for the children and families in our community. Lynn Brown, Janelle Katzenmeyer, Leslie Korngiebel, Brooke Powell, Jen Telecky



Adult Choir

Come join the Adult Choir at Peace Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have this start again. Join us Wednesday at 5:30pm. We would love to see you there!!

The beauty of Fall is upon us! We are happy to say that our slider window replacement project is done, making for an even better view for our residents. From our Patio with its pergola area to South Park, we have some beautiful areas to enjoy. Our Aging Adults and Parents meeting was well attended in September with Guest Speaker, Officer Fenrich, who discussed Scam Prevention. These meetings take place quarterly, and the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 20th at 6 pm. These meetings are FREE and open to the public. We hope you'll join us!



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Executive Director
Prince of Peace Retirement Living
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www.poprl.org



Help Needed! We are looking for parents/adults who are interested in helping with our youth programs. The greatest area of need will be Confirmation mentors! If interested please contact the church office @ 587-3031. We have many activities, come see where you fit in!!

TIGER TWEENS

What: an after-school program

When: Wednesdays, starting September 11th – April 30th from 3:15-4:30

Who: 4th and 5th graders

Where: met by Tiger Tween leaders at "the rock"

We'll have a snack, music, interactive Christian curriculum plus visits with Prince of Peace residents throughout the school year. There will be extended activities on early out days and time for homework. Sign up on PLC website or on registration forms in the Commons.

Come join us!!

Release Time Grades 2-5

Wed. Morning Church Basement **Beginning Oct. 30th**

This is a great mid-week program in which children are released from school for one hour to go to a church of their choice for religious education.

****REGISTRATION must be done prior to attending to be excused from school. Forms are returned TO THE SCHOOL.**



It's time for the ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT for FOOD SHELF!
Wednesday, October 30th Food Pick-up 5:00-7:00 pm

As part of the HAY Ministry, (Hutchinson Area Youth) Youth will be going door-to-door throughout Hutchinson to collect non-perishable food items for the food shelf on Wednesday, October 30 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. All youth and volunteers will meet back at the Peace Center for a well deserved pizza party.

YOU CAN HELP!

Turn your light on and have donations ready to give when students come to your door. You can also set outside your door for pick up.

All food collected will be donated to McLeod Emergency Food Shelf.

God has called us to help and serve others. Let's all help ease the burdens of others by choosing kindness, mercy, and generosity.

Confirmation | Wednesdays

Begins Sept 21 | 2:30 pm | Grade 6,7,8

The confirmation program at Peace Lutheran provides an opportunity for students in grades 6-8 to continue their spiritual journey, that they may come to have a greater understanding of the Bible and Luther's Catechism in their daily lives.

Classes are held September through April.

This year students are invited to join youth group prior to class on early release days.

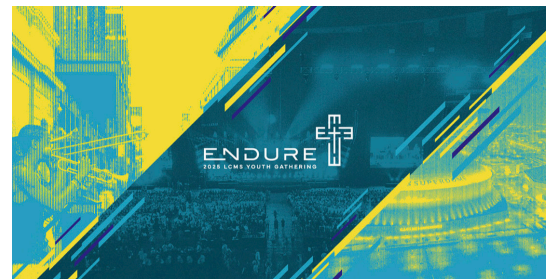
Sunday School Age 3-Gr 8

Sept.-May

Children can come and interact with friends and teachers to learn about the Old and New Testament through team building games, movies, crafts, and Bible stories. There is music each week as well that the children will be working on towards Family Worship. Jesus is constantly showing us his great plan and we love to teach the little ones how it is unfolding into a bigger plan for them.



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted." (Hebrews 12:1-3)



LCMS Youth Gathering

Thousands of youth and adults from all 35 districts will join together in New Orleans from July 19-23, 2025 for the 16th triennial LCMS Youth Gathering. The theme for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering is **ENDURE** and is based on Hebrews 12:1-3.

Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, Oct 8th
TUESDAY, Nov 12th

12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center

• Appointments can be made on line at
redcrossblood.org



TAXI

We are always looking for donations to help defray the cost of the Taxi service. Funds collected from Sunday Morning Coffee will be applied to the cab service bill. We want our members to be able to attend worship services and any help we can give those that are unable to drive to services is a blessing. This is not a free service FROM the Taxi. This is provided by funds from Parish Health to pay FOR the taxi. We do not have any money allotted in the budget. We need to use the money and the taxi wisely so it can serve those that really need it. Bills average about \$700-\$800/ month now. Give what you think it would cost you to provide the ride each week. You can make a special donation or give generously for the coffee and treats on Sunday morning. They are also not free. Thank you.

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission



October "Mission of the Month"

The "Mission of the Month" for October is LCMS World Relief and Human Care. Their mission: Affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. Drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you.

LWML Sunday is October 6. Stop by the display table in the Commons area to find out about the great work being done here and around the world.

LWML's "September to Remember" Giving Day, September 10, raised \$36,098. This money will support mission grants and change lives around the world.

The McLeod Zone LWML Fall Rally will be on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at Immanuel Lutheran in Brownton. The theme is "Be Still" based on Psalm 46:10. The speaker is the Rev. Dr. Tom Trapp from Concordia St. Paul. Young Woman Representative Maia Carnicom will talk about her experiences at the recent District convention. Gifts from the Heart cash donations will go to the Orphan Grain Train. Morning coffee and lunch will be served. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the rally starts at 9:00 a.m. See you there!

SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

~ COURSE DATES & TIMES ~

Monday October 7th 1-5 pm
(Last one of 2024)

Room 207-209 Education Building

Two changes for the 55+ Driver Discount classes. 1. As of July 1st, 2024, there is no longer a requirement in the state of Minnesota for a participant to take an 8-hour initial course per state statute 65b.28. This change means that participants will only be required to take a 4-hour course to receive the discount initially with their auto insurance partners. Moving forward there will not be a difference between initial and refresher classes and our courses will be known as the 55+ Driver Discount Program where any participant can take any 4-hour course, regardless of where they are in the journey. The three-year cycle will remain in effect and participants will return to take 4-hour courses every three years to maintain their discount. 2. The organization has a new name and will now be known as Precision Driving Center of Minnesota.

The phone number will stay the same. 320-308-1400 or 1-800-234-1294. The email has changed to precisiondrivingcenter@stcloudstate.edu so please add this email to your safe sender list. Hope to see you there!

Renee Clabo, Parish Health





Present: Kim Borka, Melissa Weckwerth, Chuck Jones, Pastor Miller, Gary Havemeier, Kathy Hochsprung, Dean Kirchoff, Sue Kroyer, Justin Evenson, Robbie Peterson

Agenda

Welcome

Opening Prayer by Pastor Miller.

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Chuck to approve July 9 minutes with changes. 2nd by Kathy. Motion carried.

Motion made by Justin to approve July 21, 2024 Congregational meeting minutes with changes. 2nd by Chuck. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report: Pastor Miller shared he conducted 3 funerals and 1 baptism in July.

2. Administrator/Office Report: Sue shared that background checks are being implemented and they will be turned in by August 30. These checks are mandatory for those working with children.

Roof repairs are set to begin the week of August 19th.

Youth programs are being set up and organized.

Pastor Weber has been out a few times and had phone calls with PLC staff.

September 8 is Pastor Weber's Installation Service at 10:00 a.m.

Youth programs begin Sunday, September 15.

October 24th will be the first HAY lunch.

Peace Place Store is continuing to be worked on. Opening date TBD.

DCD—waiting to hear to possibly get an intern. This will be looked at again in September.

A few repairs have been done to the parsonage.

3. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared getting gutters is still being worked on. The brick layer on the bell tower has been done so they are continuing to move forward on the bell tower. Peace Place roof had a small leak and will be fixed.

Justin shared the profit and loss report.

4. Elder's Report: Robbie shared Pastor Weber attended their meeting. Paul and Pastor Miller continue to meet with shut ins. Youth nights will continue at PLC. Pastor Weber and Laura completed a mission trip to Mexico. Communion wine has been purchased. Pastor Miller will conduct bible studies.

Cards will be implemented for people to drop in tray for collection for online giving.

Sunday school times are being discussed.

Old Business

1. Door/entrance security – communication: Justin shared that the server was looked at. Cameras will be installed, most likely closer to November.

2. Pastor Weber's Installation: Sunday September 8 @ 10:00 a.m. This will be the only service of the entire weekend.

3. Roof repairs update—see above

New Business

1. Names nominated for the Guiding Light board of directors: The committee's goal is to have 3 PLC members and 2 community members on the board.

Motion made by Dean to approve names submitted for potential board of directors members. 2nd by Kathy. Motion carried.

a. Questions for the board to consider

2. Email scams: Delete if received and do not reply. If in doubt, call the office to see if it is legitimate.

3. Cleaning schedule: Balcony to be cleaned/dusted.

4. Open council positions in 2025: Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 At Large seats.

There will be 5 Elders seats open.

5. Pastor Weber sent a text message to the council (during the meeting time) with best regards and that he and Laura are excited to begin their journey at PLC.

Adjourn @ 8:12 p.m.

Closing Prayer -the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 10; 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Borka
Council Secretary

Melissa Weckwerth
Council President



Parish Health will be promoting the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry again this year with Operation Christmas Child. We will be assembling them on Wednesday Afternoon, November 6 with the Tiger Tweens, the students from early release and any congregational members that are willing to come and help. We will be using regular shoeboxes this year so we are looking for standard size shoeboxes that are sturdy and in good shape.

A list of items that are needed is posted on the bulletin board and include toys, personal care items, school supplies, etc. Each box should contain a bar of soap and a wash cloth. Donating bars of soap will be helpful. We cannot include candy, tooth paste, gum used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, liquids, food, glass containers, aerosol cans or medications.

Donations will be collected in the commons area and cash donations can be given to the office or to a Parish Health team member. Also looking for donations for shipping cost, each box is \$10 to ship.



October 2024 Prayer Calendar



1. Thank you Lord for Pastor Weber and wife Laura who accepted our call.
2. Bless all who attend Bible study and confirmation classes.
3. Pray for all who are sick and are shut-ins.
4. Thank you Lord for giving us family and friends.
5. Thank you Lord for weekends, to have fun, relax and enjoy others.
6. Thank you Lord for the freedom to worship you.
7. Pray for young families whose days are full.
8. Help us Lord to let our light shine.
9. Thank you Lord for our forefathers who believed and built churches.
10. Bless our nation Lord that we make good choices.
11. Bless our students who have many challenges.
12. Bless our athletes to be good role models.
13. Thank you Lord for faithful farmers.
14. Thank you Lord for music, that we can Praise you.
15. Thank you Lord for children and grandchildren.
16. Thank you Lord for the quilting ladies.
17. Thank you Lord for loving us unconditionally.
18. Pray for our military and police force.
19. Thank you God for our faithful staff.
20. Fill us with Your Spirit as we worship.
21. Thank you for the missionaries who share the Good News.
22. Make me a servant, today.
23. Bless our school bus drivers.
24. Thank you Lord for forgiving us and giving us salvation.
25. Thank you Lord for Christian parents.
26. I will count all my Blessings and praise to You!
27. Help me Lord to love and forgive my enemies.
28. Help me Lord to use my time wisely.
29. Lord, guard my tongue from saying hurtful things.
30. Thank you Lord for Christian friends.
31. Dear Lord, watch over our children this holiday.

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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Peace Pumpkin Patch



Join Us

Thursday – October 31st – 5-7pm

400 Franklin St SW – former Little Lambs building

- * Visit with Beans the Clown and his sidekick Giggles
 - * Stroll through Scarecrow Alley
 - * Goodies & treats distributed by costumed volunteers
 - * Great photo opportunities
- Everyone Welcome!**

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